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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Holger KLAPPROTH ) Atty. Docket No.: STURK 0002  
Serial No. 10/030,999 )  
Filed: 16 January 2002 ) Group Art Unit:  
For: LINKER SYSTEM FOR ACTIVATING )  
SURFACES FOR BIOCONJUGATION ) Examiner:  
 ) Date: 19 February 2002

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

This is an Information Disclosure Statement with regard to the above-identified application. Copies of each of the documents listed in the attached Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B are attached.

Also attached is a copy of the Search Report issued on July 26, 2001 in the corresponding international application, i.e., No. PCT/EP 01/05557, as well as a copy of the Search Report issued on November 20, 2000 in the corresponding European application, i.e., No. EP 00 11 0428. Since Documents A-D were cited in said Search Report, it is believed that the relevancy of those documents is clear from the Search Report.

Document E relates to the integration of layered redox proteins and conductive supports for bioelectronic applications. Document F relates to the continuous cultures of fused cells secreting an antibody of predefined specificity. Document G relates to the discrimination of hepatitis B virus subtypes using monoclonal antibodies to the PreS1 and PreS2 domains of the viral envelope. Document H relates to the chemistry of reactive groups. It is believed that the relevance of these documents is clear from the discussions of said documents at pages 7-16 of the present specification. Accordingly, no further comment in regard to the disclosures of these documents is believed to be

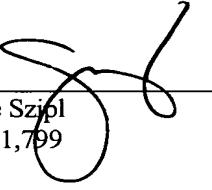
required.

It is respectfully requested that the attached documents be considered and officially cited, and that a copy of the Forms PTO/SB/08A&B, initialed by the Examiner to indicate that the documents have been considered, be returned to the applicants.

It is believed that the present Information Disclosure Statement complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-8, but if a fee should be required, authorization is hereby given to deduct from Deposit Account No. 50-1281.

Respectfully submitted,

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